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Applicants: Jason D. Hatton et al. ) PATENT APPLICATION  
Serial No.: 10/695,227 ) LMS03072P0310US (LS-039 US)  
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For: FLUID DISPENSING ) Confirmation No. 4959  
COMPONENTS )  
Examiner: Phillippe S. Derakshani )

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Official Action dated July 17, 2006.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-9 drawn to the dispensing valve for prosecution in the application at this time.

**--Identification Of Claims Encompassing The Elected Invention**

Claims 1-4 are drawn to a dispensing valve in combination with other components which together constitute a discharge structure as claimed.

Claims 5-9 are drawn to a dispensing valve peripheral mounting flange.

**--Inventorship For Subject Matter Of The Elected Claims**

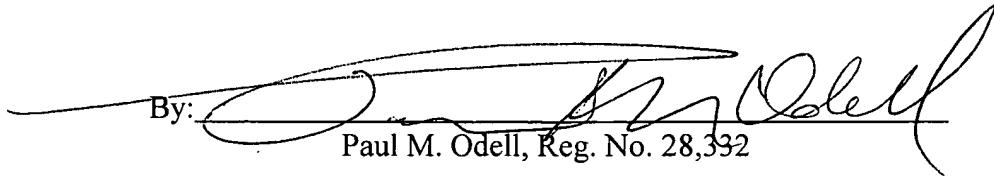
The inventors of the subject matter of the elected claims 1-9 are the same three inventors as identified for the patent application as originally filed.

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An action on the merits of the elected claims 1-9 is respectfully solicited.

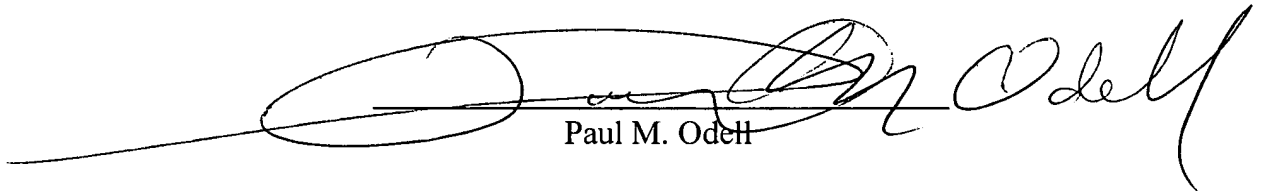
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